



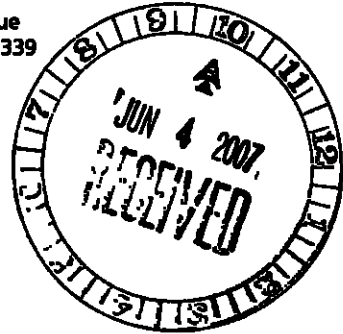
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May 30, 2007

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Re Environmental Report, Historic Report and Required Certifications for
Docket No. AB-43 (Sub-No 179X),
Illinois Central Railroad Company Notice of Exemption for Abandonment in
Rankin County, Flowood, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Williams:

Illinois Central Railroad Company ("IC") intends to file a Notice of Exemption for the above-referenced proposed abandonment any time on or after June 29, 2007. Enclosed for the above-referenced Abandonment Exemption are the following documents, which are required by 49 C.F.R. Part 1105:

- 1 An original and ten copies of the Environmental/Historic Report
- 2 An original and ten copies of the transmittal letter that accompanied the reports, and
- 3 An original and ten copies of a certificate demonstrating compliance with the requirements of 49 C.F.R. Part 1105.

Please stamp and return the duplicate copy of this letter to my attention to indicate that you received the items listed.

Feel free to call me if you have any questions

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas J. Healey
Attorney for Illinois Central Railroad Company

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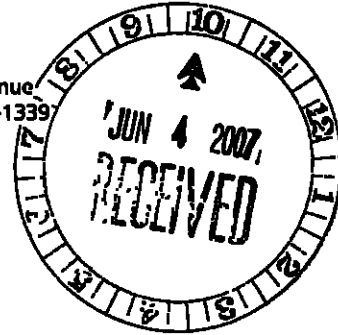
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Re: Illinois Central Railroad Company Notice of Exemption for Abandonment - Rankin County, Flowood, Mississippi - Docket AB-43 (Sub-No. 179X)

To Whom It May Concern:

Any time on or after June 29, 2007, Illinois Central Railroad Company ("IC") expects to file with the Surface Transportation Board ("STB") a Notice of Exemption seeking authority to abandon a railroad line located between milepost 70.20 and milepost 68.10, a distance of 2.10 miles, in Rankin County, Flowood, Mississippi. Enclosed is an Environmental Report and a Historic Report describing the proposed action and any expected environmental and historical effects, as well as a map of the affected area.

We are providing this report so that you may review the information that will form the basis for the STB's independent environmental and historical analysis of this proceeding. If any of the information is misleading or incorrect, if you believe that pertinent information is missing, or if you have any questions about the STB's environmental and historic review process, please contact their Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA), at the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20423-0001, (202) 245-0245, and refer to the above docket number.

IC will file the Environmental Report and Historic Report with the STB on or about May 30, 2007. Because the applicable statutes and regulations impose stringent deadlines for processing this action, your written comments to the STB (with a copy to the undersigned) would be appreciated within three weeks. Your comments will be considered by the STB in evaluating the environmental and historical impact of the contemplated action.

If there are any questions concerning this proposal, please contact the undersigned directly at (708) 332-4381 or by mail at the above address.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Healey
Attorney for Illinois Central Railroad Company

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Docket No. AB-43 (Sub-No. 179X)

ILLINOIS CENTRAL
RAILROAD COMPANY

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION FOR
ABANDONMENT IN RANKIN
COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

To: Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board (STB)
395 E. Street, SW
Washington, DC 20424

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE WITH 49 C.F.R. PART 1105

I hereby certify that on May 30, 2007, copies of the Environmental Report and Historic Report for the above-captioned proceeding were served on the agencies listed at 49 C.F.R. § 1105.7(b), all agencies consulted in preparing the reports, and on the Mississippi Department of Archives and History. A service list is attached and incorporated into this certificate as Attachment A. The reports have been sent within the time period specified, as Illinois Central Railroad Company intends to file its Notice of Exemption in the above-captioned matter no earlier than June 29, 2007. All appropriate agencies as listed in 49 C.F.R. § 1105.7(c) have been consulted well in advance of preparing the Environmental Report.

I also certify that a newspaper notice was published on May 1, 2007, in *The Clarion-Ledger*, a newspaper of general circulation in Rankin County, Mississippi. The notice alerted the public to the proposed abandonment, to possible reuse alternatives, and to procedures for participating in the STB proceeding. A copy of the notice is attached to this certificate as Attachment B.

Dated this 30th day of May, 2007.



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ATTACHMENT A-1

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THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
HINDS COUNTY

PERSONALLY appeared before me, the undersigned notary public in and for Hinds County, Mississippi,

ANDREW WESTERFIELD

an authorized clerk of THE CLARION-LEDGER, a newspaper as defined and prescribed in Sections 13-3-31 and 13-3-32, of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, who, being duly sworn, states that the notice, a true copy of which is hereto attached, appeared in the issues of said newspaper as follows

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Signed Andrew Westerfield
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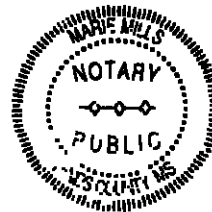
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Marie Mills
Notary Public

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Notary Public State of Mississippi at Large. Bonded thru
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MY COMMISSION EXPIRES
November 8, 2008

ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD gives notice that on or after June 1, 2007, it intends to file with the Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423, a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F, Exempt Abandonments, permitting the abandonment of 12.10 miles of railroad line between milepost 170.20 and milepost 188.10 in Rankin County, Flowood, Mississippi, which line traverses through U.S. Postal Zip Code 39222. The proceeding will be docketed as AB-43 (Sub No. 170.1).

The Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) will generally prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) which will normally be available 25 days after the filing of the notice of exemption. Comments on environmental and energy matters should be filed no later than 15 days after the EA becomes available to the public and will be addressed in the Board decision. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA or make inquiries regarding environmental matters by writing to the SEA, Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street NW, Washington, DC 20423 or by calling that office at (202) 565-1645.

Appropriate offers of financial assistance to continue rail service can be filed with the Board. Requests for environmental conditions, public use conditions, or rail bank/trails use also can be filed with the Board. An original and 10 copies of any pleading that raises matters other than environmental issues (such as title use, public use, and offers of financial assistance) must be filed directly with the Board's Office of the Secretary, 1925 K Street NW, Washington, DC 20423-0001 [See 49 CFR 1104.1(a) and 1104.3(a)]. And one copy must be served on applicant's representatives [See 49 CFR 1104.12(a)]. Questions regarding offers of financial assistance, public use or trail use may be directed to the Commission's Office of Congressional and Public Services at (202) 565-1582. Copies of any comments or requests for conditions should be served on the applicant's representatives. Thomas J. Healey, (708) 332-4351 ext. 1764, 187 Ashland Avenue, Homewood, IL 60430.

May 1, 2007

ATTACHMENT B

BEFORE THE
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DOCKET NO. AB-43 (SUB-NO. 179X)

ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD COMPANY
-- ABANDONMENT EXEMPTION --
IN RANKIN COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

ENVIRONMENTAL/HISTORIC REPORT

Illinois Central Railroad Company, ("IC") submits this Environmental/Historic Report in compliance with the reporting requirements of 49 C.F.R. §§1105.7 and 1105.8. Supporting correspondence and certifications are attached. It is the conclusion of this Report that the proposed abandonment, if implemented, will not significantly affect either the quality of the human environment or the conservation of energy resources.

ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT - 49 C.F.R. § 1105.7(e)

1. **Proposed Action and Alternatives.** IC seeks to abandon its line of railroad extending from milepost 70.20 to milepost 68.10 in Flowood, Mississippi, (the "Line"). The Line is situated in Rankin County, Mississippi and extends a total distance of approximately 2.10 miles.

The Line has not been required to serve any customer in many years. The Line was previously used as a connection point to Meridian and Jackson, Tennessee, on other IC lines. There have been no rail shipments of any kind on the Line in the last two years, and no reasonable possibility for the development of new rail traffic exists.

Following abandonment, IC intends to salvage rail, ties and track materials from the Line. One bridge and two grade crossings (one private and one public), will also be removed.

No alternatives to the proposed abandonment have been considered. A map showing the location of the Line is attached herein as **Appendix A**.

IC has contacted and requested comments from the Mississippi Department of Agriculture & Commerce. See correspondence attached herein as **Appendix B**. There have been no comments to date.

IC has contacted and requested comments from the Rankin County Board of Supervisors. See correspondence attached herein as **Appendix C**. The Board is not aware of any potential environmental effects that this proposed abandonment would cause Rankin County.

2. Transportation System. IC does not anticipate that existing regional or local transportation systems or patterns will be affected by the proposed abandonment. No rail service is currently provided on the Line. Thus, no traffic will be diverted to other transportation systems or modes as a result of the proposed abandonment. There is no overhead traffic on the Line, and no passenger trains are operated over the Line.

Abandonment of the Flowood Line will allow permanent closure of two grade crossings as follows:

Private Crossing: Milepost 69.1; and

Public Crossing: Milepost 68.9 (Cross bucks with 32' timber).

IC has contacted and requested comments from the State of Mississippi Department of Transportation. See correspondence attached herein as **Appendix D**. The Department has not responded to our correspondence.

3. Land Use.

(i) IC does not foresee any inconsistency with regional and/or local land use plans, but has contacted and requested comments from the NOAA/National Geodetic Survey. See correspondence attached herein as **Appendix E**. They have confirmed that this proposed abandonment will have no adverse impact on the National Spatial Reference Frame infrastructure.

(ii) The proposed abandonment lies entirely within the limits of Rankin County, Mississippi. The USDA has been contacted and referred our office to the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) in Mississippi. See correspondence attached herein as **Appendix F**. No comments have been received to this date.

(iii) This track does not lie within a designated Coastal Zone Management Area and, accordingly, the proposed abandonment will not affect any land or water uses in such an area or result in any coastal impacts. See the response of the Mississippi Coastal Program, Department of Marine Resources attached herein as **Appendix G**.

(iv) IC is not aware of any alternative public use under 49 U.S.C. § 10905 for which the right-of-way of this track would be suitable, other than possibly a trail.

4. Energy.

(i) The proposed abandonment will not have any effect on the transportation of energy resources. No energy resource commodities move on the Line, and IC foresees little or no possibility that such on-line traffic would develop in the future.

(ii) The movement and/or recovery of recyclable commodities will not be adversely affected by this abandonment. No such traffic has been handled on this line for many years (if ever), and IC foresees little or no possibility that any online recyclable commodity traffic would develop in the future.

(iii) Abandonment will not result in an increase or decrease in overall energy efficiency. There is no freight traffic on the Line and thus there will be no changes in existing transportation patterns or energy usage as a result of the proposed abandonment.

(iv) Not applicable. Abandonment of the Line will not cause the diversion of more than 1,000 rail carloads per year or an average of 50 rail carloads per mile per year to motor carriers.

5. Air.

(i) Not applicable. Abandonment will not result in (A) a minimum increase in rail traffic of 100% or eight trains per day on any segment of rail line, (B) an increase in rail yard activity of at least 100%, or (C) an average increase in truck traffic of more than 10% of the average daily traffic or 50 vehicles per day on any road segment.

(ii) Not applicable Abandonment of the Line will not result in traffic increases which exceed the thresholds specified in 49 C.F.R. §1105.7(e)(5)(ii)(A), (B) or (C).

(iii) Not applicable. This is an abandonment of a line on which there have been no customers for at least two years and there is no overhead traffic on the line.

6. Noise. Not applicable. As indicated above, none of the thresholds identified in 49 C.F.R. § 1105.7(e)(5)(i) will be exceeded as a result of the abandonment.

7. Safety.

(i) The proposed action will have no adverse effect upon public health or safety. Abandonment of the line will allow elimination of two grade crossings. During any salvage operations on the Line, precautions will be taken to ensure public safety.

(ii) Not applicable. To IC's knowledge, no hazardous commodities were ever handled on this Line. Accordingly, the proposed abandonment will have no effect on the transportation of hazardous materials.

(iii) To the best of IC's knowledge, there are no known hazardous waste sites or any hazardous waste materials involved. Therefore, IC believes that its abandonment will not have any adverse impact on this site.

8. Biological Resources.

(i) The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service have been contacted and we have requested comments. This abandonment will not affect the wetland, nor is there any endangered or threatened species present in this area. See correspondence attached as **Appendix H.**

IC has also contacted the Mississippi DNR Wildlife, Fisheries & Parks. Per their attached correspondence, there are no state or federally listed species within 2 miles of the proposed abandonment. See correspondence attached herein as **Appendix I**.

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service was also contacted and no response has been received. See correspondence attached as **Appendix J**.

(ii) The Line does not pass through or adjacent to any wildlife sanctuaries or refuges or any national or state parks or forests and, accordingly, none will be adversely affected. IC has contacted and requested comments from the National Park Service. See correspondence attached herein as **Appendix K**. There has been no response to date.

9. Water.

(i) IC has contacted the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality ("MDEQ") to determine whether the proposed abandonment is consistent with applicable federal, state and local water quality standards. See correspondence attached hereto as **Appendix L**. While MDEQ has not responded, IC will be mindful of proper erosion control in the removal of rail and other salvageable materials to minimize impact.

(ii) The Army Corps of Engineers has been contacted to determine if the proposed abandonment requires permits under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. See correspondence attached herein as **Appendix M**. The Department of the Army has concluded that a permit will not be required for the proposed work.

IC also believes that removal of the rails will not affect any existing wetlands. In addition, abandonment should not impact any 100-year floodplain if no additional fill is placed in any floodplain.

(iii) The Mississippi Environmental Protection Agency has been contacted and we have requested comments from them. See correspondence attached herein as **Appendix N**. There has been no response to date. IC believes that no permits under section 402 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1342) will be required for the proposed action.

10. Proposed Mitigation. As no adverse impact is anticipated, IC does not propose any mitigation activities.

HISTORIC REPORT - 49 C.F.R. § 1105.8(d)

1. Map. A map of the Line is attached hereto as **Appendix A**.
2. Description of Line. The line to be abandoned extends from milepost 70.20 to milepost 68.10 in Flowood, Mississippi. The Line is situated in Rankin County, Mississippi and extends a total distance of approximately 2.10 miles, or approximately 11,088 feet. The Flowood line is a part of the old Pearl River District that ran from east Jackson, Mississippi to Union Mississippi. It was a connection point to Meridian and Jackson on other IC lines.
3. Photographs. Attached as **Appendix O** is a copy of a color photograph of the bridge located on this Line. This photograph has been provided to the State Historic Preservation Officer ("SHPO") within the Mississippi Historic Preservation Division.

4. Information on Structures. There is one bridge within the proposed Line abandonment. This bridge was built in 1957 and has a 114' ballast deck that is 26' high. There are also two grade crossings in the proposed abandonment.

5. History of Operations. In the early twentieth century, the New Orleans Great Northern started to construct the line from Jackson to Meridian. Prior to completion, it sold the rights to this line to Gulf, Mobile & Northern, which completed the line around 1925. Gulf, Mobile & Northern merged with Mobile & Ohio to become the Gulf, Mobile & Ohio, which then merged into the IC pursuant to a 1971 ICC authorization.


6. Engineering Documents. To the best of IC's knowledge, it does not have any relevant engineering documents for the Flowood Line.

7. Historic Criteria. As noted above, there is one bridge located within the proposed abandonment area that was built in 1957. IC has contacted and given notice of the proposed abandonment to The State Historic Preservation Office within the Mississippi Historical Society. See correspondence attached as **Appendix P**. The SHPO has informed IC that they have no reservations with the proposed project.

8. Ground Disturbances. IC is unaware of any possibility that archaeological resources may be in the area. Access to the line is generally good.

Dated: 5-30, 2007

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Healey", is written over a horizontal line.

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APPENDIX A



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April 17, 2007

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Re: Illinois Central Railroad Proposed Abandonment in Rankin County, Flowood, Mississippi
AB-43 (Sub-No 179X)

Dear Mr. Spell:

Illinois Central Railroad ("IC") is planning to file a proposed abandonment with the Surface Transportation Board ("STB") for approval to abandon approximately 2.10 miles of railroad line starting at MP 70.20 and ending at MP 68.10 in Rankin County, Flowood, Mississippi. For your convenience, we have attached a map for your reference. IC is advising you of the proposed action so you may assist us in identifying any potential effects of the proposed action on, among other things, the following:

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Thank you for your assistance.

Very truly yours,

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Re: Illinois Central Railroad Proposed Abandonment in Rankin County, Flowood, Mississippi
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Dear Mr. Bishop

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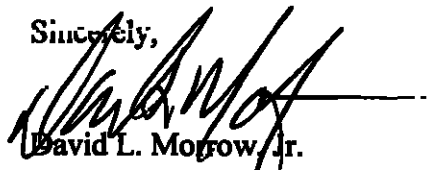
**RE: Illinois Central Railroad Proposed Abandonment in Rankin County, Flowood,
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Dear Mr. Healey:

I am responding to your letter to Jay Bishop, County Board Supervisor for Rankin County, Ms. Rankin County is not aware at this time of any potential environmental effects of the proposed action on the indicated rail line. We would rely upon the representations made in any environmental report you submit to any regulatory or supervisory authority.

We appreciate the opportunity to have input in this process. If you need additional information, please let me know.

Sincerely,


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Re: Illinois Central Railroad Proposed Abandonment in Rankin County, Flowood, Mississippi
AB-43 (Sub-No 179X)

Dear Mr Shinkle


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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
National Ocean Service
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April 20, 2007

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Re: Illinois Central Railroad Proposed Abandonment in Rankin County, Mississippi, AB-43
(Sub-No. 179X)

Dear Mr. Healey:

The proposed abandonment will apparently have no impact on National Spatial Reference Frame infrastructure owned or managed by the National Geodetic Survey. I can find no record of any of our benchmarks or other survey control marks along that stretch of railroad.

Thank you for asking for our input in this matter. The National Geodetic Survey always appreciates the cooperation of railroad owners and operators in attempting to preserve what's left of the national survey mark inventory that was installed along railroad rights of way throughout the country over much of the 19th and 20th centuries.

Regards,



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CC:

REMARKS: ☐ Urgent ☐ For your review ☐ Reply ASAP ☐ Please Comment

In reference to the proposed abandonment of Railroad line in Flowood , MS.

I have no expertise or jurisdiction in the proposed area. Please contact Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) In that Area.

See Attached.



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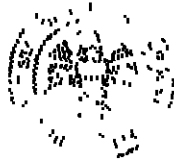
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**MISSISSIPPI
DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES**

April 25, 2007

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RE: DMR-070527

Dear Mr. Healey:

The Department of Marine Resources in cooperation with other state agencies is responsible under the Mississippi Coastal Program (MCP) for managing the coastal resources of Mississippi. Proposed activities in the coastal area are reviewed to insure that the activities are in compliance with the MCP.

The Department has received a request to review the proposed abandonment of 2.1 miles of railroad line in Flowood, Rankin County, Mississippi. The Department has no objections provided there are no direct or indirect impacts to coastal wetlands and no coastal program agency objects to the proposal. If wetland impacts are anticipated, an application should be submitted to this office for review. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on your project.

For more information or questions concerning this correspondence, contact Greg Christodoulou with the Bureau of Wetlands Permitting at (228) 523-4109 or greg.christodoulou@dmr.ms.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Willa Henriksen", is written over a horizontal line.

Willa Henriksen
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David Felder	
Environmental Coordinator	
U S Fish and Wildlife Service	
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**Re: Illinois Central Railroad Proposed Abandonment
AB-43 (Sub-No. 179X)
Flowood, Rankin County, MS**

R# 6055

To Mr. Thomas Healey:

In response to your request for information dated April 17, 2007, we have searched our database for occurrences of state or federally listed species and species of special concern that occur within 2 miles of the site of the proposed project.

Based on information provided, we conclude that if best management practices are implemented, particularly measures to prevent or minimize negative impacts to water quality, the proposed project likely poses no threat to listed species or their habitats.

Please feel free to contact us if we can provide any additional information, resources, or assistance that will help minimize negative impacts to the species and/or ecological communities identified in this review. We are happy to work with you to ensure that our state's precious natural heritage is conserved and preserved for future Mississippians.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Melanie Howarter".

Melanie Howarter, Data Manager
Mississippi Natural Heritage Program
(601) 354-7303, ext. 120

The Mississippi Natural Heritage Program (MNHP) has compiled a database that is the most complete source of information about Mississippi's rare, threatened, and endangered plants, animals, and ecological communities. The quantity and quality of data collected by MNHP are dependent on the research and observations of many individuals and organizations. In many cases, this information is not the result of comprehensive or site-specific field surveys; most natural areas in Mississippi have not been thoroughly surveyed and new occurrences of plant and animal species are often discovered. Heritage reports summarize the existing information known to the MNHP at the time of the request and cannot always be considered a definitive statement on the presence, absence or condition of biological elements on a particular site.

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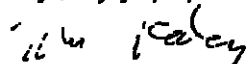
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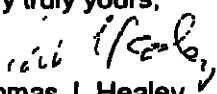
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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

April 27, 2007

Operations Division

SUBJECT: Illinois Central Railroad Proposed Abandonment
in Rankin County, Flowood, Mississippi


Mr. Thomas J. Healey
Illinois Central Railroad
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Dear Mr. Healey:

We received your correspondence, subject as above, on April 27, 2007. While we are working diligently to reply to you in a timely manner, please be aware this office is experiencing an unusually heavy workload at this time. For ease of reference, we assigned your correspondence identification number, MVK-2007-482. Please refer to this number should you write or call us about your request.

If you have any questions about the status of your request, please call this office at (601) 631-5064 or (601) 631-7071.

Sincerely,


Kenneth P. Mosley
Acting Chief, Regulatory Branch



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VICKSBURG DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS

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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

May 16, 2007

Operations Division

SUBJECT: Determination of Permit Requirements

Mr. Thomas Healey
Illinois Central Railroad
17641 South Ashland Avenue
Homewood, Illinois 60430-1339

Dear Mr. Healey:

I refer to your recent letter concerning plans to abandon approximately 2.10 miles of railroad line in section 32, T5N-R2E, Rankin County, Mississippi. The location of the activity is depicted on the enclosed map (enclosure 1).

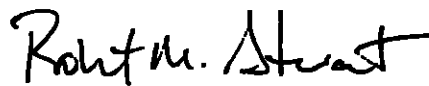
Based upon the information provided, it appears that a Department of the Army permit pursuant to Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act will not be required for the proposed work. In the event that project plans are changed, or if you anticipate any additional construction, please contact this office for a reevaluation of permit requirements and refer to Identification Number MVK-2007-482 when submitting the information.

This preliminary jurisdictional determination was based upon available information that there does not appear to be jurisdictional areas on the property subject to regulation pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. An appeals form has been enclosed for your review (enclosure 2).

This determination of Department of the Army regulatory requirements does not convey any property rights, either in real estate or material or any exclusive privileges, and does not authorize any injury to property or invasion of rights or local laws or regulations, or obviate the requirement to obtain State or local assent required by law for the activity discussed herein.

If we may be of any further assistance in this matter, please contact Ms. Monica N. Humphrey of this office, telephone (601) 631-7928, fax (601) 631-5459 or e-mail address: regulatory@mvk02.usace.army.mil.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert M. Stewart". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly stylized font.

Robert M. Stewart
Acting Chief, Permit Section
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Enclosure



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April 17, 2007

US Army Corp of Engineers
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Re. Illinois Central Railroad Proposed Abandonment in Rankin County, Flowood, Mississippi
AB-43 (Sub-No 179X)

Dear Sir or Madam:

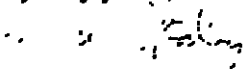
Illinois Central Railroad ("IC") is planning to file a proposed abandonment with the Surface Transportation Board ("STB") for approval to abandon approximately 2.10 miles of railroad line starting at MP 70.20 and ending at MP 68.10 in Rankin County, Flowood, Mississippi. For your convenience, we have attached a map for your reference. IC is advising you of the proposed action so you may assist us in identifying any potential effects of the proposed action on, among other things, the following:

1. Water quality;
2. Designated wetlands;
3. 100-year-old flood plains;
4. Endangered or threatened species;
5. Critical habitats;
6. Wildlife sanctuaries or refuges;
7. National or state parks or forests;
8. Coastal zone management;
9. Soil and natural resource conservation;
10. Agricultural land;
11. Regional and/or local use plans; and
12. The need for permits under Sections 402 or 404 of the Clean Water Act.

Because of the nature of the proposed action, we foresee no adverse effects. Nevertheless, we would appreciate your review and any comments you may wish to offer. We would appreciate a written response as soon as possible so that we may include it in the environmental report, which we will file with the STB. We intend on filing the Environmental Report in four weeks.

Thank you for your assistance.

Very truly yours,


Thomas J. Healey
Illinois Central Railroad

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APPENDIX M-5

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NOTIFICATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL OPTIONS AND PROCESS AND REQUEST FOR APPEAL

Applicant: Illinois Central Railroad	File Number MVK-2007-482	Date 05/16/2007
Attached is.		See Section Below
<input type="checkbox"/>	INITIAL PROFFERED PERMIT (Standard Permit or Letter of Permission)	A
<input type="checkbox"/>	PROFFERED PERMIT (Standard Permit or Letter of Permission)	B
<input type="checkbox"/>	PERMIT DENIAL	C
<input type="checkbox"/>	APPROVED JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION	D
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	PRELIMINARY JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION	E

SECTION I - The following identifies your rights and options regarding an administrative appeal of the above decision. Additional information may be found at <http://usace.army.mil/inet/functions/cw/cecwo/reg> or Corps regulations at 33 CFR Part 331.

A: INITIAL PROFFERED PERMIT: You may accept or object to the permit.

- **ACCEPT:** If you received a Standard Permit, you may sign the permit document and return it to the district engineer for final authorization. If you received a Letter of Permission (LOP), you may accept the LOP and your work is authorized. Your signature on the Standard Permit or acceptance of the LOP means that you accept the permit in its entirety, and waive all rights to appeal the permit, including its terms and conditions, and approved jurisdictional determinations (JD) associated with the permit.
- **OBJECT:** If you object to the permit (Standard or LOP) because of certain terms and conditions therein, you may request that the permit be modified accordingly. You must complete Section II of this form and return the form to the district engineer. Your objections must be received by the district engineer within 60 days of the date of this notice, or you will forfeit your right to appeal the permit in the future. Upon receipt of your letter, the district engineer will evaluate your objections and may: (a) modify the permit to address all of your concerns, (b) modify the permit to address some of your objections, or (c) not modify the permit having determined that the permit should be issued as previously written. After evaluating your objections, the district engineer will send you a proffered permit for your reconsideration, as indicated in Section B below.

B PROFFERED PERMIT. You may accept or appeal the permit.

- **ACCEPT** If you received a Standard Permit, you may sign the permit document and return it to the district engineer for final authorization. If you received a Letter of Permission (LOP), you may accept the LOP and your work is authorized. Your signature on the Standard Permit or acceptance of the LOP means that you accept the permit in its entirety, and waive all rights to appeal the permit, including its terms and conditions, and approved jurisdictional determinations associated with the permit.
- **APPEAL:** If you choose to decline the proffered permit (Standard or LOP) because of certain terms and conditions therein, you may appeal the declined permit under the Corps of Engineers Administrative Appeal Process by completing Section II of this form and sending the form to the division engineer. This form must be received by the division engineer within 60 days of the date of this notice.

C: PERMIT DENIAL You may appeal the denial of a permit under the Corps of Engineers Administrative Appeal Process by completing Section II of this form and sending the form to the division engineer. This form must be received by the division engineer within 60 days of the date of this notice.

D: APPROVED JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION: You may accept or appeal the approved JD or provide new information.

- **ACCEPT:** You do not need to notify the Corps to accept an approved JD. Failure to notify the Corps within 60 days of the date of this notice, means that you accept the approved JD in its entirety, and waive all rights to appeal the approved JD.
- **APPEAL:** If you disagree with the approved JD, you may appeal the approved JD under the Corps of Engineers Administrative Appeal Process by completing Section II of this form and sending the form to the division engineer. This form must be received by the division engineer within 60 days of the date of this notice.

E: PRELIMINARY JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION: You do not need to respond to the Corps regarding the preliminary JD. The Preliminary JD is not appealable. If you wish, you may request an approved JD (which may be appealed), by contacting the Corps district for further instruction. Also you may provide new information for further consideration by the Corps to reevaluate the JD.

SECTION II - REQUEST FOR APPEAL or OBJECTIONS TO AN INITIAL PROFFERED PERMT

REASONS FOR APPEAL OR OBJECTIONS (Describe your reasons for appealing the decision or your objections to an initial proffered permit in clear concise statements. You may attach additional information to this form to clarify where your reasons or objections are addressed in the administrative record.)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION The appeal is limited to a review of the administrative record, the Corps memorandum for the record of the appeal conference or meeting, and any supplemental information that the review officer has determined is needed to clarify the administrative record. Neither the appellant nor the Corps may add new information or analyses to the record. However, you may provide additional information to clarify the location of information that is already in the administrative record.

POINT OF CONTACT FOR QUESTIONS OR INFORMATION:

If you have questions regarding this decision and/or the appeal process you may contact:

Monica Humphrey
U.S Army Corps of Engineers
Regulatory Branch
4155 Clay Street
Vicksburg, MS 39183-3435
(601) 631-7928

If you only have questions regarding the appeal process you may also contact

Dr Jim Wiseman
Mississippi Valley Division
Post Office Box 80
Vicksburg, MS 39181-0080
(601) 634-5820

RIGHT OF ENTRY Your signature below grants the right of entry to Corps of Engineers personnel, and any government consultants, to conduct investigations of the project site during the course of the appeal process. You will be provided a 15 day notice of any site investigation, and will have the opportunity to participate in all site investigations.

Signature of appellant or agent.

Date

Telephone number.



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April 17, 2007

Mr. James Palmer, Regional Administrator
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Sam Nunn Atlanta Federal Center
Atlanta, GA 30303-8960

Re. Illinois Central Railroad Proposed Abandonment in Rankin County, Flowood, Mississippi
AB-43 (Sub-No.179X)

Dear Mr. Palmer:

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12. The need for permits under Sections 402 or 404 of the Clean Water Act

Because of the nature of the proposed action, we foresee no adverse effects. Nevertheless, we would appreciate your review and any comments you may wish to offer. We would appreciate a written response as soon as possible so that we may include it in the environmental report, which we will file with the STB. We intend on filing the Environmental Report in four weeks.

Thank you for your assistance.

Very truly yours,

Thomas J. Healey
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APPENDIX N





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May 10, 2007

MDAH Historic Preservation Division
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Re: Illinois Central Railroad Proposed Abandonment in Rankin County,
Flowood, Mississippi, AB-43 (Sub-No. 179X)

Dear Sir or Madam:

Pursuant to my correspondence dated April 25, 2007 (a copy of which I have attached for your reference), I am enclosing two color photographs that illustrate the bridge located on the section of railroad line to be abandoned. This bridge was built in 1957, has a 114' long ballast deck, and is 26' high.

With the consent of the Historic Preservation Division, Illinois Central Railroad ("IC") plans to remove this bridge in connection with the proposed abandonment of 2.10 miles of line starting at MP 70.20 and ending at MP 68.10. At your request, IC will provide any engineering plans or drawings in its possession with respect to the construction of this bridge.

IC would like to serve its Environmental and Historic Report upon the STB as soon as practicable. Please do not hesitate to call me should you have questions. Thank you for your assistance

Very truly yours,

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April 25, 2007

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Thank you for your assistance. Please call me should you have questions.

Very truly yours,

Thomas J. Healey
Illinois Central Railroad

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May 15, 2007

Mr. Thomas J Healy
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RE. Proposed Illinois Central Railroad Abandonment in Flowood (AB-43 (Sub-No 179X), MDAH Project Log #05-067-07, Rankin County

Dear Mr Healy

We have reviewed your request for a cultural resources assessment, received on May 14, 2007, for the above referenced project in accordance with our responsibilities under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and 36 CFR Part 800. After reviewing the information provided, it is our determination that the bridge proposed for removal is ineligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places, and that no other known cultural resources will be affected. Therefore, we have no reservations with the proposed project.

Should there be additional work in connection with the project, or any changes in the scope of work, please let us know in order that we may provide you with appropriate comments in compliance with the above referenced regulations. If we can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us at (601) 576-6940.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Jim Woodrick".

Jim Woodrick
Review and Compliance Officer

FOR: H T. Holmes
State Historic Preservation Officer

c: Clearinghouse for Federal Programs